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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 and 23-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 and 23-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 and 23-28 are pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07 May 2008 has been entered. In addition, the 'After-Final' Amendment, filed on 25 March 2008, has been entered.

Response to Remarks/Argument

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 and 23-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-21 and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by a non-patent literature titled "ARIES: A Transaction Recovery Method Supporting Fine-Granularity Locking and Partial Rollbacks Using Write-Ahead Logging." by C. Mohan et al., ACM Transactions on Database Systems, vol. 17, no. 1, March 1992, pages 94-162 (known hereinafter as Mohan).

As per claims 1, 11, and 21, Mohan teaches a method for reading a changed data page, said method comprising of: generating the changed data page in response to a change to the data page as a result of a transaction (i.e. *"ARIES also logs, using compensation log records (CLRs)...CLRs have the property that they are redo-only log records."*)(Sections 3, 5, and 6); storing data associated with the change in a transaction log buffer (i.e. *"ARIES keeps track of changes made to the database by using a log and it does write-ahead logging (WAL)."*)(Section 3; see also Sections 4 and 5); marking the changed data page to indicate that the transaction log buffer has yet to be flushed to a persistent data store (i.e. *"Whenever a page is updated and a log record written, the LSN of the log record is placed in the page_LSN field of the updated page. This tagging of the page with the LSN allows ARIES to precisely track, for restart and media-recovery purposes, the state of the page with respect to logged updates for that page"*)(see at least Sections 3, 5, 6, and 8); determining whether the changed data page is marked (see at least Sections 3, 5, 6, and 8); and isolating the transaction by flushing the transaction log buffer to the persistent data store prior to the changed data page being read by a read operation separate from generating the changed data page (i.e. *"...ARIES(Algorithm for Recovery and Isolation Exploiting Semantics), which supports partial rollbacks of*

transactions, fine-granularity (e.g. record) locking and recovery using write-ahead logging (WAL)”(Abstract; see also sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 10).

As per claims 2 and 12, Lomet teaches a method further comprising: unmarking the changed data page when the transaction log buffer is flushed (Abstract; see also sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7).

As per claims 3, 13, and 23, Lomet teaches a method wherein flushing the transaction log buffer occurs when the changed data page is marked (Abstract; see also sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7).

As per claims 4, 14, and 24 Lomet teaches a method wherein marking the changed data page comprises writing a value of a bit associated with said changed data page (Abstract; see also sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 10)

As per claims 5, 15, and 25, Lomet teaches a method wherein the bit is stored in said changed data page (Abstract; see also sections 3, 5, 6, 7)

As per claims 6, 16, and 26, Lomet teaches a method wherein the bit is stored in a reference table (Abstract; see also sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 10)

As per claims 7, 17, and 27, Lomet teaches a method wherein marking the changed data page comprises recording, in a reference location associated with said

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changed data page (Abstract; see also sections 3, 5, 6, 7), a copy of a log sequence number from said transaction log buffer and corresponding to the change to the data page (Abstract; see also sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7).

As per claims 8 and 18, Lomet teaches a method wherein said copy of the log sequence number is stored in said changed data page (Abstract; see also sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 10).

As per claims 9 and 19, Lomet teaches a method wherein said copy of the log sequence number is stored in a reference table (Abstract; see also sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 10)

As per claims 10, 20, and 28, Lomet teaches a method wherein the copy of the log sequence number is used to identify a transaction in order to cause said transaction to effect the flushing of the transaction log buffer (Abstract; see also sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 10)

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farhan M. Syed whose telephone number is 571-272-7191. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00 PM.

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